

BATTLESHIP LOUISIANA

To be Launched at the Newport News Shipyard Saturday.

RACE WITH CONNECTICUT

The Advanced Stage of the Big Fighter a Triumph for the Newport News Builders.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Aug. 24.—Next Saturday the battleship Louisiana will glide down the ways at the shipyard here and the final stage of one of the most interesting contests of the decade will begin.

It is a race in battleship construction and the contestants are the New York Navy Yard and the immense private enterprise located here. The twin sisters, Louisiana and Connecticut, furnish the material for the contest and it is expected that upon the result will hinge the policy of the Navy Department in the award of future contracts for the building of warships.

For many years there has been a determined effort to have at least a portion of the naval construction work done at the navy yards. Those who have stood for that policy have held that ships could be built as cheaply and as expeditiously in the government plants as in the great private yards. In the Congress, which authorized the construction of the Louisiana and the Connecticut, that sentiment was sufficiently strong to dictate a provision in the naval bill that one of the battleships should be built in a government yard. In order to test the theories advanced, the other contract went to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. The Brooklyn Navy Yard was chosen by the Navy Department to make the contest for the government builders.

RACE BETWEEN BUILDERS.

The Brooklyn yard lost nearly a month in getting down the keel for the Connecticut and since then the local yard has kept from 5 to 10 per cent. ahead of the government yard in the interesting race which enters its last stage Saturday.

Recently the Brooklyn yard had made slight gains, but it is apparent that there is no intention to permit the government builders to win out in the race, for a week or two ago a double force of men was put to work on the Louisiana and it is understood that from now on work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and the local builders expect to win the race by a good time margin.

While American warships are noteworthy for the powerful batteries they carry, there is nothing in the battleship class of ships which will equal the Louisiana for offensive and defensive operations. In addition to the four powerful 12-inch guns, in forward and after turrets, she will have eight 8-inch guns and ten 6-inch guns in broadside. This 7-inch gun is an innovation in the navy. All the earlier vessels of the battleship class are fitted with 6-inch rifles. It is, of course, expected that they will be more effective than the guns of smaller caliber. The 7-inch gun weighs 165 pounds at a velocity of 2,600 feet a second. Each shell will have a bursting charge of thirteen pounds of black powder. An armor-piercing projectile may be substituted. The 12-inch guns throw a projectile weighing 850 pounds at a velocity of 2,800 feet, a trifle over half a mile a second. This is a velocity one-fourth greater than that obtained by the old 12-inch guns on ships of the Indiana class. The increased velocity is due partly to the use of smokeless powder, but mainly to the enlargement of the powder chamber, enabling the gunners to use a larger charge of explosive.

IMPRESSIVE GUNS.

The secondary battery of the Louisiana contains an impressive array of effective guns. There will be twenty 3-inch rapid-fire rifles, twelve 5-pounder, semi-automatic guns; eight 3-pounder automatic guns, two 2-inch field rifles, and eight machine guns for the fighting tops in the military masts.

The armor for the Louisiana will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000 and her battery will represent the cost of another million. Her steel protection instead of being concentrated in a water-line belt amidships, leaving the ends of the ship more or less exposed, as in the method hitherto adopted, will extend from bow to stern, and, above the main water-line belt there will be three thinner belts of armor plate, the lower casemate, upper casemate and superstructure armor.

There will be a more extended application of electricity upon the Louisiana than upon any of the battleships now in commission. Not only will there be electric ammunition conveyers and hoists, but it is probable that the larger guns will be aimed and discharged by electricity. In a rough sea the roll of a ship interferes materially with accurate marksmanship, and one of the accepted theories of the naval service is that in order to do satisfactory shooting there should be a continuous aim, that is, the guns should be kept steadily pointed at the target, no matter how the vessel moves. One method of doing this is by keeping the weapon on a horizontal line by an automatic device which senses the movement of the ship. The other method is by the use of a gyroscope, which in addition to the interest felt in the race between the private and the gov-

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Richard W. Thornton, Orono, Col., writes April 25, 1903: My little girl, aged two years, has suffered from colds and coughs for many months and finally the trouble became serious. We tried remedies of several kinds and they seemed to give no relief. I then applied Hamlin's Wizard Oil to her chest and after the use of one bottle she has become entirely well. I shall never be without Hamlin's Wizard Oil in my house. I cannot recommend it too highly.

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ernment shipbuilders, there will be much interest in the christening of the Louisiana, because she marks a distinct advance in the art of battleship construction and naval experts especially will be on the qui vive when this 16,000-ton engine of destruction is ready for her practical tests, a little more than twelve months from the present time.

READY FOR THE DAY.

All preparations for the launching practically are complete. The launching stand and christening booth have been erected. The ground and sliding ways have been placed in position and the tons of lubricant have been placed on the ways. The big hull has been given a new coat of red paint and it is now ready to receive its baptism of wine and the name of the proud State upon which it will reflect honor.

The Post launching luncheon will take place at the Warwick Hotel in this city and covers will be laid for about 125 persons, including the party of Governor Heard, of Louisiana. Governor Montague has been invited to attend the ceremony. Perhaps the largest luncheon of the kind was the one which followed the launching of the battleship Virginia. Nearly eight hundred people, many of them prominent in State and national circles, gathered around the banquet table in the Chamberlain Hotel. It was stated at the time that it marked the high-water mark of post-launching entertainments. Such a luncheon runs the cost of a launching upon into the thousands and the shipyards of the country have about decided that the game is not worth the candle.

UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The Preacher Goes Forty Miles to Preach a Funeral.

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LURAY, VA., Aug. 24.—Earnest Jenkins, a young man of Marksville District, this county, was buried at home yesterday. The coffin was carried to the home, the coffin for the young man had to be carried several miles by four stalwart young men from the base of the Blue Ridge across the high water-gates, through mountain gorges to the top of Farmers' Ridge, where Jenkins lived. Elder D. W. Strickler, of this place, who conducted the funeral, left Luray about 9 o'clock in the morning, and did not reach there until 10 o'clock last night, having driven and walked about forty miles.

Typical fever was the cause of young Jenkins' death.

WHERE THE TAIL WAGGED THE DOG

The Armored Cruiser Maryland Runs Away With a Tug.

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Aug. 24.—An amusing performance was witnessed from the banks of the James River, just above the shipyard yesterday afternoon. Shortly after 5 o'clock it was decided to move the armored cruiser Maryland from one shipyard dock to another and the tug Wanderer was assigned to the task. When the big cruiser swung out into the stream the tide caught her and the tug swung up stream and proudly dragging the puffing little tug in her wake, the Maryland started toward Richmond.

After going nearly a mile another tug was signaled and went to the assistance of the Wanderer. The tug succeeded in pulling the runaway cruiser back to her berth.

Dear Sir:—I feel it my duty to write and let you know what S. S. S. has done for me. I have suffered with Old S. S. S. for many years. I have spent a great deal of money trying to get cured. Have used salves and washes and different kinds of blood purifiers. Have been treated by the best doctors in the city, but could not get relief. My leg was in a terrible condition when I started the use of S. S. S. Now there is not a spot on my leg or any other part of my body. I feel like a new man.

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of the fiery poisons with which the blood-current is overloaded. While external applications, such as washes, soaps, salves and powders are soothing and cooling, they do not enter into the blood itself or touch the real cause of the disease, but S. S. S. does, and purifies, enriches, and strengthens the thin acid blood and cleanses the general system, when the skin clears off and all its terrifying symptoms disappear. Book on the Skin and its diseases free. No charge for medical advice.

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JUMPING CLASSES GOOD

Numerous Accidents, But No Serious Results—Mrs. Johnston and Miss Parsons Drive Well.

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WARRENTON, VA., August 24.—There were about three thousand people at the Warrenton Horse Show to-day and ideal weather conditions prevailed.

In the registered thoroughbred hunter class, L. A. Touraine, owned by Rogers K. Weimore, of Washington, D. C., and ridden by Dion Kerr, put up a magnificent showing over the jumps, clearing them all with but a slight tip in one instance. Courtland H. Smith's mount, Tip-Top, took the hurdles with alacrity, making quick work of the task before him. Miss Johnston and Miss Parsons, of C. H. Smith's, won much applause in Class 25.

John P. showed more of a disposition to take the ring ralling than the hurdles, but redeemed himself later. Jake Shipley twice straddled the rails and remained there for a moment in a dangerous position. Immediately after the noon recess the ring was filled with beautiful tandems, the teams of West and Garber being especially noticeable.

H. W. Herring's lead horse averted and ran back and the wheelers began to kick savagely. They were at once taken out of harness, but not before the wheel horse had landed his ironclad hoofs several times over the dashboard. In the special cup class for ladies, the splendid handling of the ribbons by Miss Blair Johnston and Miss Virginia Darcy, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. W. H. Whitsett and Thomas Drev. Drev. The wedding took place in the parlors of the hotel at 11:30 o'clock. Every incident was prepared for the high occasion. The stately parlors were tastefully adorned with flowers and growing plants and the strains of the wedding march floated through the lofty halls.

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